

MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

June 27, 2019

Our Service Department continues to patch along River Road and responding to other resident concerns now that the weather seems to allow that. We are in discussions with the County to tend to Rogers Road, where the resurfacing and pavement marking since the water line project was completed, needs to be addressed. Work continues on the Dodd Road Embankment Improvement Project.

Phase II of our NOPEC grant for window and door replacement at City Hall is continuing and we anticipate the completion of this much-needed project before the end of summer.

Thanks to our Service Department and Administration members for the fine job they did to assist with Shred Day. We will plan to have a second Shred Day for our residents on October 19 from 9 to noon at City Hall.

Civil Service Commission is working with the Police and Fire Departments to conduct an entrance exam in September for new hires. The SGT exam will be given by the Commission on July 1 to fill the vacancy left with SGT Jackson's retirement.

The Police Substation is moving along, still set to open about July 15. They are still working on the infrastructure before they can open.

I have submitted the required letter to the School Board for Produce Packaging's CRA and look forward to the passage of Ordinance 2019-45 after the required three readings to move this economic development plan forward.

A ribbon cutting was held for The YMCA Dream House in Willoughby Hills last week and tours have begun. Plan to visit but be mindful of the parking provisions offered during the tours.

Willoughby Hills Lions Club donated a dozen teddy bears to be used by the Fire Department. Thanks for that generous donation.

Administration continues to work on the Employee Handbook and most recently received information from PEP, our insurance carrier, on FREE assistance on this

project. We will follow their advice for a nice, acceptable product and present to Council when complete.

On June 18, 2019, I received the resignation of Michael Germano as our City Prosecutor effective July 7, 2019. I would request that Council prepare an Ordinance with an Emergency Clause and waiving the Three Readings at the next meeting for the appointment of Mr. Todd Cipollo to fill this position effective immediately. Todd has experience as a prosecutor and has done an outstanding job for the City of Willoughby Hills while serving in Mayor's Court for many years. He has a good rapport with the Police Department. In fact, on June 18, immediately after Police Chief Collins received notification of Mr. Germano's resignation, he contacted me, recommending that we look to Todd Cipollo to fill this position. This speaks highly of the job he has done. I believe we could mirror Ordinance 2012-17 in the way of salary and compensation for Mr. Cipollo, who would not need to be vetted since he is a current employee. There would be no lapse in our Prosecutor coverage and I would anticipate a contract to get him through at least January 31, 2019, with a new Mayor's administration and the opportunity for any changes after that time.

Sympathies since our last Council meeting of May 23 going out to Building/Service Department employee Denise Edwards on the loss of her husband, Tim and to Finance Assistant Sharen Michney on the sudden passing of her brother in law.

I support the legislation this evening to include:

- 1) Adoption of the Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2020
- 2) Accepting the bid of Specialized Construction for 2019 Street Resurfacing in the glen.
- 3) Accepting the bid of United Survey for 2019 Sewer Rehabilitation.
- 4) Entering into an agreement with CAT for the purchase of an Asphalt Roller.
- 5) Fixing the compensation for the PT Finance Director and FT Assistant Finance Director to complete our pay increases for ALL employees.
- 6) Amending the BFI Contract Agreement which entails an authorized increase of \$1.05 per month for all households on the Republic Service contract for trash and recycle. This will amend Ordinance 2015-11 with the correct contract amounts for our residents. This was reviewed by our Law Director and found to be within the scope of our 10-year contract, with all other contract provisions remaining intact.

- 7) Declaring PD firearms surplus.
- 8) Authorizing me to seek bids for the 2019 Dodd Road Resurfacing Project

I would like to see Council follow up on my ordinance requests for Campbell Park and Grange security to move that legislation forward to be in compliance. Changes that were made when transferring our Dispatch Center to the EOC has necessitated these changes and the ordinances need to reflect that. I would appreciate Council's review of these prior to the next meeting, if not tonight.

Finally, congratulations to Eagle Scout Nathaniel Dolinar, who I presented a Mayor Proclamation to in April for his accomplishment. This was especially nice since I had presented one to his brother Michael in 2014. This is a testament to the fine values instilled by his parents, Scout leaders and teachers and I applaud all Boy Scout and Girls Scout organization for the fine work they do.